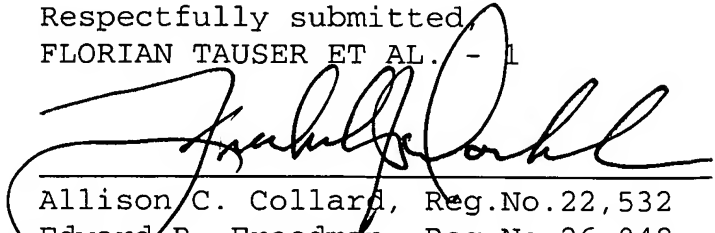


REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By this Preliminary Amendment, a clerical error noted in the Preliminary Amendment filed June 10, 2004 has been corrected. No new matter has been added. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

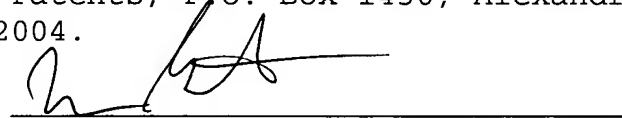
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